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## Trustees View Canals

### Governor and Cabinet Inspection Tour

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, who are on a tour of inspection of the drainage operations being carried on in the Everglades elsewhere, arrived in Fort Pierce yesterday evening from the south, after having visited West Palm Beach, Miami and Fort Lauderdale visiting the machinery and operations.

In the party were Governor W. Gilchrist, Attorney-General Trammell, Comptroller A. C. Treasurer W. V. Knott, Commissioner of Agriculture B. E. McLin, Engineer J. O. Wright, and J. C. Secretary of the Board. They were also accompanied by Judge R. W. of Quincy, and T. J. Campbell, of Palm Beach.

The party spent the night at Spring Lake, and on Monday visited the drainage operations of the Felsmere Company west of Sebastian. Chemist R. E. Rose joined the party at that place and they were accompanied from here by Messrs. Fred K. Williams and G. S. Tucker. Comptroller Croom was taken ill here and proceeded home Monday morning.

Arriving at Fort Pierce Monday morning the distinguished visitors were given an informal reception at the house and quite a number of our people met the State officials and a pleasant evening was passed in conversation.

Tuesday morning the entire party left by automobile for Tantie, where they embarked on launches bound for Myers and other West Coast points, to inspect the drainage operations.

Judge White, who is ninety-three years old, is standing the trip well and is as young as any member of the party. The Judge is one of the best known men in the northern part of the State and has been identified with the political interests of the State for many years. At one time he was a Democrat serving as circuit judge in the State, the others being Republicans.

Attorney-General Park Trammell, who is a candidate for Governor before the primary, was kept busy receiving old friendships and receiving assurances of support in his campaign.

Governor Gilchrist did not make any announcement, but it is rumored that he will be a candidate for United States Senator against Hon. D. U. Fletcher here hence.

Knott, Croom and McLin are naturally candidates for re-election to the offices which they now hold, and the people were glad to meet them. This trip was by no means a pleasure tour the gentlemen were not without assurances of support for their campaign next spring, and their acquaintance with the people at this time probably stand them in good stead when the campaign opens.

Two comfort bags were received by the W. C. T. U. at Jacksonville for the soldier in the new battleship Florida, and a part of 1,000 provided by the U. S. T. U. They were furnished with pins, buttons and thread, and also, court plaster, absorbent bandages, some good lit-

## St. Lucie Pineapple Crop Overestimated.

Editor News:

St. Lucie county's pineapple crop for 1911 has been estimated by some one at 500,000 crates and I am desirous of knowing on what basis the calculation was made. In 1910 I made an official enumeration of the agricultural statistics of this county and the pineapple crop for that season totaled 365,268 crates. Now, everybody knows the 1910 crop was larger than that of 1911, therefore there is a bad calculation somewhere. I make this statement simply as a correction of an erroneous estimate of St. Lucie county's pineapple crop as published by your contemporary.

Very truly, Wm. Hogg.  
Jensen, Fla., July 22, 1911.

The Fort Pierce Steam Laundry, we are informed, will be ready for business early in August. The principal cause of delay is the non arrival of a new ironing machine, which will do away with practically all hand work.

## Everett Automobiles Arrive by Carload

A carload of Everett automobiles arrived here this week consigned to Tucker & Company and when they were unloaded on Wednesday afternoon attracted much attention. Mr. J. H. Braswell, of the Jacksonville agency, was here to superintend the unloading and see them put in good running order. Three machines were in the special automobile car, which was shipped direct from the factory in Detroit, and within fifteen minutes after the cars were unloaded three interested groups of passengers were spinning over the shelled streets in them. Mr. G. S. Tucker and Dr. E. E. Rollins, under the name of Tucker & Company, have assumed the agency here for these cars and already have created great interest in them. These machines are of 30 horsepower, with room for five passengers. One of them is for Dr. Rollins, another has been sold to Mr. Reubin Carlton, and Mr. Tucker will use the third one until some one wants it more than he does.

## New Psalm of Life is Hustle and Strife

Oh, life is a wonder and death is a blunder, it's good to be living and strong! It's fine to be chaffing and joking and laughing and chortling a trala-la song! Its grand to be working like blitzen and jerking your living from out of the soil, its gay to be earning real money and spurning thoughts of a life without toil. Most all the repining and grunting and whining is done by loafers, you'll note; the toilers and tillers, old industro's pillars, to time to complaining devote. They skir-mish and rustle, they hump and they hustle, and put up their hay in the sun; they mow and they garner and don't give a darn or a whoop for the indolent one. Such fellows are useful, they're worth a caboose full of men who have nothing to do but grunt altogether concerning the weather, the crops, and the government, too. I tell you, dear chappie, if you would be happy you'll have to get busy and work; there isn't much pleasure for people who treasure the ease of the loafer and shirk. The man who is lazy, drives business men crazy, and in a satin-lined box should be furlied, but things keep a-coming when industry's humming, and make this a bully old world.—Ex.

## New Prize in Piano Contest

### Commercial Course in Business College.

In the week's competition as to who should turn in the largest amount of cash, Miss Florence Stetson captured the first prize of 20,000 votes; Miss Stella Blocker obtained the second bonus prize of 15,000 votes, and Miss Minnie Arnau was awarded third prize of 10,000 votes. All the candidates show very creditable gains, and no one can forecast the final victor.

Contestants and their friends will please take special notice of the third prize in the News contest, the same being a full course in Draughon's Business College. This is the largest concern of the kind in the United States, we believe, with large branches in Jacksonville, Atlanta and over forty other cities, and the winner of this valuable prize can take the full course in any city that pleases best.

If there is anything that the contest manager can do in any way to assist a contestant he will be pleased to hear from them and will do anything possible to assist their candidacy, as in helping the candidates he naturally helps the paper, as the object of the contest is to secure subscribers, and in assisting contestants he is doing that.

There have been numerous inquiries by different parties as to whether votes issued on subscriptions and held in reserve can be transferred to another. The answer to one and all has been and will be, "No," as it would not be fair to allow anyone to pool votes. If a ballot is made out to a contestant it must be voted to that contestant, and if any changes are made in a ballot the judges on the last night of the contest will be authorized to throw out the entire certificate.

It is not necessary for a contestant to cast votes, but it is really essential that a contestant should turn in subscriptions as soon as received. If you wish to hold your vote certificate and cast it when you please, but your subscriber in the meantime can be saving a coupon for you out of each paper, which might make you a winner.

Just four more weeks are before us in the News Piano contest. Plenty of time for a new contestant to make the winning race, and plenty of time for many thousand more votes for those already entered.

Below appears the relative standing of each contestant at the close of business Thursday night:

NAME	RESIDENCE	VOTES
Florence Stetson	Fort Pierce	127,290
Stella Blocker	Jensen	87,760
Minnie Arnau	Fort Pierce	45,600
Edna Tucker	Sebastian	32,300
Margaret Thompson	Ft. Pierce	29,960
Ethelyn Cramer	Fort Pierce	15,010
Maud Miller	Eben	13,010

A nomination blank will be found in this issue and the entrance fee is nothing, neither is it too late to put other names on the list.

President Taft has issued a proclamation setting aside certain tracts of land as reservations for the remaining Seminoles. One of these tracts is about half a section on the east side of Lake Okeechobee, another is a considerably larger tract well in the southern part of the Everglades, and the third is about one section located so as to comprise Pine Island. This act has been long looked for by the Indians and some of their sympathetic friends.

## No More Green Fruit To Go on Market

Dealers in oranges which have been taken from the trees when green and made yellow by being placed in artificial heat are to be dealt with the same as dealers in artificial foodstuffs by the Federal government, according to the notices forwarded to all State Food and Drug Commissioners from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Federal authorities have been studying the average sour orange of the common market and have found that it usually comes from orchards where fruit is treated to the artificial process. This results in a skin of the proper color but the fruit is not properly ripened, the acid of the green fruit remaining unchanged. If left on the trees to ripen properly the acids would give way to sugars.

The Federal authorities have found the acids to be injurious to the health of the consumers, particularly children, and have ruled that the artificial ripening constitutes adulteration. According to the practices of the boards of health the ruling of the Federal authorities will be made a rule of the various states.

## The W.J. Nesbitt Co. to be Incorporated

On September 1, 1911, application will be made to Governor Gilchrist for letters patent incorporating the W. J. Nesbitt Company, of this city, with a capital stock of \$12,000. Associated with Mr. Nesbitt in the new corporation are Messrs. Wm. Pomeroy, of Eldred, and B. B. Pyles, of this city, and the officers will be as follows: Mr. Pomeroy, president; Mr. Nesbitt, treasurer; Mr. Pyles, secretary. Mr. Nesbitt will leave next week for Baltimore and other markets to select the fall and winter stock, and it is the intention to add greatly to the stock already carried in the store. Mr. Pyles will be in active charge of the store as manager, and Mr. Nesbitt, who has been conducting the business for years, will take a much needed rest, having been in bad health for two or three years.

## Pellagra is Caused by Cotton Seed Oil

Dr. George C. Mizelle, of Atlanta, in a late number of the Journal Record of Medicine, says: The development and progress of pellagra in the United States has kept pace with the use of cotton seed oil. Avoid oil of maize, oil of sesame and oil of cotton seed. Pellagra is a disease due to eating semi-drying oils in quantities that cannot be normally disposed of, in which case they are deposited as fat foreign to the human organism and in their final disposition by oxidation there is developed a series of end products that act in a deleterious manner upon all the cells and intercellular tissues of the body.

The doctor further says: I wish to advise against the use of fats and oils of every kind except castor oil. Olive oil, which in this day and time is synonymous with cotton seed oil, is to be prohibited. Calcium sulphate seems to be the cure for pellagra. This warning is worth heeding, as the malady is spreading at an alarming rate.

Following right upon the heels of the truck crops the farmers of Apopka have 100 acres in Sea Island cotton. The crop will get the full benefit of the fertilizer fed the vegetable crops and they anticipate good results.

## Inland Route Steamer Line

### Run Will Be Resumed Next October.

Captain W. M. Boyd, of Palatka, has been awarded the contract by the Florida Coastal Inland Navigation Co., the headquarters of which have recently been removed from Savannah to Jacksonville, for the construction of a 100-foot freight boat to ply between Jacksonville and Palm Beach via the East Coast Canal. The new boat is to be capable of carrying 100 tons on a draft of twenty-eight inches. A 75-h.p. producer gas plant will generate the requisite fuel for the propulsion of the boat, and the motors will be of the most effective and approved type for this class of service. It is stipulated in the agreement that the freighter shall be finished and ready to be placed in commission by October 10th next.

Captain J. H. Howard, one of the principal stockholders in the company, is now in Palatka supervising the remodeling and renovating of the steamer Swan, a commodious combination passenger and freight boat already acquired by the new corporation. Captain Howard says that two more freight boats of the dimensions of the one above described are contemplated and all are to be on their respective runs to transport both freight and passengers from Jacksonville to Miami via the coastal canal route.

For the present the Swan will ply between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, from which point another of the company's steamers will go south as far as Daytona, and still another as far as Palm Beach, stopping at all the important intermediate towns.—Titusville Star.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to be present at the Over-the-Sea Railroad Celebration at Key West when the road is completed, and we had thought of going ourself.

Mrs. Richard Peters, of Atlanta, who recently died, provided in her will that \$5,000 of her estate be given to the University of the South at Suwanee as a fund for the benefit of poor young men who desired to study for the Episcopal ministry.

The state board of pardons has granted conditional pardons to Gregoris Sala, Edward Clinton and Boston White, all of Volusia county. Old man Clinton and his son were tried twice and convicted of burning the Goodrich home at Oak Hill.

Mrs. G. H. Alfield, of New York, is a colonist who located near Lakeland. She had no previous experience as a farmer, but has succeeded beyond her fondest dreams and beyond the claims made by some of the most liberal real estate agents. She had an acre of celery which netted over \$1,200; \$150 worth of strawberries from three-fourths of acre; from a single row of turnips 100 feet long she netted \$60, and from three other rows of the same length she netted \$85. She also has six acres in corn which will yield fair returns, and has 6,000 tomatoes, beets, etc. set out.

The government lands not taken up in Marion county are 11,128 acres, in Alachua county, 4,940 acres; Citrus, 3,440; Lake, 29,200; Levy, 4,380; Putnam, 4,388; Sumter, 800.

The changing of the weather observatory from Jupiter to Miami left no reporting station between Jacksonville and Miami and so a station was lately established at Titusville to report twice a day.